

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

At 5:00.m. Chairman Lee Panza called the meeting to order in Conference Room A, at San Mateo City Hall.

Members Attending: Vice Chair Sue Lempert, Chairman Lee Panza, Joe Silva, Marland Townsend, Mike King, Irene O'Connell, and Deborah Wilder.

Staff/Guests Attending: Mary McMillan (San Mateo County Manager's Office), Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff - County Public Works), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2003.

Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected. Townsend/Wilder, unanimous.

3. Update from C/CAG Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).

Wes Lujan was ill and Chuck Cole was unavailable; therefore there was no report.

4. March 2004 Propositions and Initiatives.

The following items were discussed:

- Proposition 55 – School bonds up to \$12.3 billion.
- Proposition 56 – Reduces to 55% the votes to pass budget and/or taxes.
- Proposition 57 – Deficit Financing Bond up to \$15 billion.
- Proposition 58 – Mandated balanced budget, reserves, and restrictions on borrowing.

5. November 2004 Initiatives.

The following items were discussed:

- Split roll property tax proposal by the Education Community.
- LOCAL initiative to protect local government funding.
- Initiative to swap sales and property taxes.

6. Potential relief from State Mandates.

Staff was requested to:

- Find out what efforts are being undertaken by the League of California Cities to advocate for relief from State mandates.
- Ask the City Managers/County Manager for input on what State mandates should be

repealed/deferred/suspended in order to provide significant fiscal relief to San Mateo County and its Cities.

7. Recommendation to support AB 269 – Mullin, to allow a jurisdiction to use its redevelopment funds in other jurisdictions.

Mary McMillan from the County Manager's Office gave an overview of the bill and reported that it had been significantly modified from the original version in order to satisfy the concerns of various housing advocacy groups. One change to the proposal that has caused a great deal of concern among local jurisdictions is the removal of the provision of housing credit for the jurisdiction that used its money to support housing in another jurisdiction. After discussion the Legislative Committee decided to defer taking any position on this bill because it provides no incentives for jurisdictions to participate in the program.

8. Update on meetings with San Mateo County Legislative Delegation.

To date, a subcommittee composed of C/CAG Chair Deborah Wilder, Legislative Committee Chair Lee Panza, Executive Director Richard Napier, and Walter Martone has met with Assemblyman Joe Simitian's staff member Karen Brunton, Assemblyman Gene Mullin, and Senator Byron Sher. The purpose of the meetings were to review C/CAG's Legislative priorities from 2003 and how the Legislator voted on the bills that C/CAG took positions on. C/CAG's priorities for 2004 were also discussed. In general the meetings were very productive. Meetings have been scheduled for Assemblyman Yee and Senator Speier for later in February.

9. Establish date and time for future meetings.

It was agreed that the Committee would continue with the schedule of meeting at 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (immediately before the regular C/CAG meetings).

10. Adjournment.

At 6:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.